

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Office Action of April 5, 2005, imposing a second Restriction Requirement on this patent application. Examination of the elected claims following entry of this response is respectfully requested.

Previously, the Office required a restriction to one of the two following groups of claims: (1) Claims 1-23; and (2) Claims 24-26. The recent Office Action of April 5, 2005 instructs Applicant to disregard that restriction requirement in favor of the following.

In the recent Office Action, the Office again alleges that the present application includes claims to independent and distinct inventions. Consequently, the Office now requires election of one of the following groups of claims:

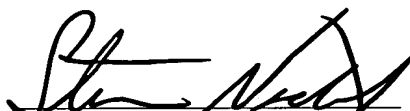
- (1) Claims 1-12 and 19-23; and
- (2) Claims 13-18 and 24-26.

Applicant hereby elects claims the first group, claims 1-12 and 19-23 for immediate prosecution. Accordingly, claims 13-18 and 24-26 are marked as “withdrawn” above.

If any fees are owed in connection with this paper which have not been elsewhere authorized, authorization is hereby given to charge those fees to Deposit Account 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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